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(Median weight in grams computed to the nearest 10 grams on basis of exact conversion of interval limits from pounds and ounces. Low birthweight is defined as weight of less than 2,500 grams (5 lb 8 oz); very low birthweight is less than 1,500 grams (3 lb 4 oz))

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Table 1-27. Selected Birthweight Characteristics of Live Births by Educational Attainment, Age, and Race and Hispanic Origin of Mother: United States, 1994

(Median weight in grams computed to the nearest 10 grams on basis of exact conversion of interval limits from pounds and ounces. Low birthweight is defined as weight of less than 2,500 grams (5 lb 8 oz); very low birthweight is less than 1,500 grams (3 lb 4 oz))

| Years of school completed and age of mother, and selected birthweight characteristics | Race and Hispanic origin of mother |          |          |          |          |          |
|                                                                                       | Total | White | Black | American Indian | Asian/Pacific Islander | Hispanic | Non-Hispanic | Non-Hispanic |
| 20-24 years........................... | 450,743 | 338,271 | 95,850 | 5,658 | 10,964 | 67,125 | 270,228 | 93,998 |
| Percent very low birthweight           | 1.3 | 3.2 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 2.6 |
| Percent low birthweight                | 7.3 | 6.1 | 11.8 | 5.6 | 7.1 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 11.9 |
| 25-29 years........................... | 386,327 | 307,889 | 61,499 | 3,829 | 13,110 | 54,494 | 252,033 | 59,944 |
| Median weight in grams                 | 3,370 | 3,410 | 3,190 | 3,450 | 3,270 | 3,300 | 3,200 | 3,420 |
| Percent very low birthweight           | 1.2 | 0.9 | 2.6 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 2.9 |
| Percent low birthweight                | 6.9 | 5.8 | 12.9 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 13.0 |
| 30-34 years........................... | 259,190 | 209,671 | 36,918 | 2,288 | 10,313 | 30,877 | 177,583 | 35,899 |
| Median weight in grams                 | 3,370 | 3,410 | 3,170 | 3,430 | 3,300 | 3,390 | 3,490 | 3,170 |
| Percent very low birthweight           | 1.4 | 1.1 | 3.5 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 3.5 |
| Percent low birthweight                | 7.9 | 5.8 | 12.9 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 15.6 |
| 35-39 years........................... | 96,496 | 76,235 | 14,781 | 881 | 4,599 | 11,047 | 64,713 | 14,377 |
| Median weight in grams                 | 3,350 | 3,400 | 3,140 | 3,410 | 3,280 | 3,390 | 3,490 | 3,140 |
| Percent very low birthweight           | 1.7 | 1.4 | 3.6 | * | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 3.7 |
| Percent low birthweight                | 9.4 | 8.0 | 17.5 | 9.6 | 8.1 | 7.6 | 8.0 | 17.7 |
| 40-44 years........................... | 14,999 | 11,372 | 2,551 | 162 | 914 | 1,955 | 9,336 | 2,490 |
| Percent very low birthweight           | 2.2 | 1.7 | 4.5 | * | * | 2.0 | 1.6 | 4.5 |
| Percent low birthweight                | 11.1 | 9.3 | 19.5 | 14.2 | 8.8 | 9.7 | 9.2 | 19.7 |
| 45-49 years........................... | 525 | 381 | 95 | 5 | 44 | 71 | 302 | 93 |
| Percent very low birthweight           | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Percent low birthweight                | 11.6 | 9.2 | 11.8 | 5.8 | 6.8 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 11.9 |
| 13-15 years........................... | 845,172 | 673,546 | 132,460 | 7,253 | 31,913 | 81,089 | 589,389 | 129,665 |
| Median weight in grams                 | 3,400 | 3,440 | 3,220 | 3,460 | 3,270 | 3,370 | 3,450 | 3,220 |
| Percent very low birthweight           | 1.2 | 0.9 | 2.9 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 2.9 |
| Percent low birthweight                | 6.4 | 5.4 | 11.8 | 5.8 | 6.8 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 11.9 |
| Years of school completed and age of mother, and selected birthweight characteristics | Race and Hispanic origin of mother |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | Total | White | Black | American Indian | Asian/Pacific Islander | Hispanic | Non-Hispanic white | Non-Hispanic black |
| 17 years | | | | | | | | | |
| Median weight in grams | 3,230 | 3,290 | 3,090 | * | * | 3,310 | 3,280 | 3,110 |
| Percent very low birthweight | 11.1 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Percent low birthweight | 11.1 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| 18 years | | | | | | | | | |
| Median weight in grams | 3,795 | 2,499 | 1,142 | 54 | 100 | 3,450 | 3,280 | 3,190 |
| Percent very low birthweight | 2.0 | 1.6 | 2.7 | * | * | * | * | 1.7 |
| Percent low birthweight | 8.5 | 6.8 | 12.0 | * | * | 7.4 | 6.5 | 12.2 |
| 19 years | | | | | | | | | |
| Median weight in grams | 18,111 | 12,272 | 5,132 | 241 | 466 | 3,450 | 3,280 | 3,190 |
| Percent very low birthweight | 1.5 | 1.0 | 2.8 | * | * | * | * | 1.0 |
| Percent low birthweight | 7.6 | 6.0 | 11.3 | * | * | 9.0 | 7.1 | 11.4 |
| 20-24 years | | | | | | | | | |
| Median weight in grams | 223,962 | 168,387 | 46,440 | 2,421 | 6,714 | 3,450 | 3,280 | 3,190 |
| Percent very low birthweight | 1.2 | 0.8 | 2.7 | * | * | 0.9 | 0.8 | 2.7 |
| Percent low birthweight | 6.4 | 5.2 | 10.8 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 7.4 | 5.6 | 10.9 |
| 25-29 years | | | | | | | | | |
| Median weight in grams | 280,173 | 228,103 | 39,077 | 2,279 | 4,674 | 3,450 | 3,280 | 3,190 |
| Percent very low birthweight | 1.1 | 0.8 | 2.7 | * | * | 0.9 | 0.9 | 2.7 |
| Percent low birthweight | 5.9 | 5.0 | 11.0 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 11.1 |
| 30-34 years | | | | | | | | | |
| Median weight in grams | 219,421 | 181,143 | 27,755 | 1,455 | 9,068 | 3,450 | 3,280 | 3,190 |
| Percent very low birthweight | 1.1 | 0.9 | 3.0 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 3.0 |
| Percent low birthweight | 6.3 | 5.3 | 12.6 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.6 | 5.6 | 12.7 |
| 35-39 years | | | | | | | | | |
| Median weight in grams | 85,542 | 69,722 | 11,033 | 682 | 4,105 | 3,450 | 3,280 | 3,190 |
| Percent very low birthweight | 1.5 | 1.1 | 3.8 | * | * | 1.3 | 1.5 | 3.8 |
| Percent low birthweight | 7.9 | 6.7 | 15.8 | 8.7 | 8.7 | 7.6 | 7.5 | 15.9 |
| 40-44 years | | | | | | | | | |
| Median weight in grams | 13,428 | 10,826 | 1,768 | 114 | 720 | 3,450 | 3,280 | 3,190 |
| Percent very low birthweight | 1.9 | 1.6 | 4.1 | * | * | 2.1 | 2.1 | 4.1 |
| Percent low birthweight | 9.5 | 8.0 | 17.3 | * | * | 12.2 | 9.2 | 17.1 |
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United States, 1994
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16 years and over

| All ages............................. | 793,827 | 685,328 | 54,312 | 2,092 | 52,095 | 37,751 | 641,322 | 53,084 |
| Median weight in grams                | 3,450 | 3,480 | 3,270 | 3,450 | 3,270 | 3,390 | 3,490 | 3,270  |
| Percent very low birthweight          | 1.0   | 0.8   | 2.8   | *      | 0.8   | 1.0   | 0.8   | 2.9    |
| Percent low birthweight               | 5.4   | 4.9   | 10.7  | 5.9    | 6.4   | 5.7   | 4.8   | 10.8   |

20-24 years.........................

| Percent very low birthweight          | 1.1   | 0.8   | 2.6   | *      | *     | *     | *     | 2.6    |
| Percent low birthweight               | 5.8   | 4.8   | 11.3  | 5.8    | 6.5   | 6.1   | 4.6   | 11.3   |

25-29 years.........................

| Median weight in grams                | 3,440 | 3,470 | 3,270 | 3,410 | 3,250 | 3,380 | 3,480 | 3,270  |
| Percent very low birthweight          | 0.9   | 0.7   | 2.6   | 0.9    | 0.7   | 0.7   | 0.7   | 2.6    |
| Percent low birthweight               | 5.0   | 4.5   | 9.6   | 6.5    | 6.1   | 5.1   | 4.4   | 9.7    |

30-34 years.........................

| Median weight in grams                | 3,450 | 3,480 | 3,290 | 3,480 | 3,280 | 3,400 | 3,480 | 3,290  |
| Percent very low birthweight          | 0.9   | 0.8   | 2.8   | *      | 0.8   | 1.1   | 0.8   | 2.8    |
| Percent low birthweight               | 5.1   | 4.7   | 10.6  | 5.4    | 6.0   | 5.6   | 4.6   | 10.7   |

35-39 years.........................

| Percent very low birthweight          | 1.2   | 1.0   | 3.2   | *      | 1.1   | 1.2   | 1.0   | 3.3    |
| Percent low birthweight               | 6.2   | 5.7   | 11.8  | 7.1    | 7.0   | 7.1   | 5.6   | 11.9   |

40-44 years.........................

| Percent very low birthweight          | 1.7   | 1.5   | 4.3   | *      | 1.7   | 2.1   | 1.4   | 4.3    |
| Percent low birthweight               | 7.8   | 7.2   | 14.7  | *      | 8.5   | 10.4  | 7.1   | 14.3   |
| Years of school completed and age of mother, and selected birthweight characteristics | Race and Hispanic origin of mother |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total | White | Black | American Indian | Asian/Pacific Islander | Hispanic | Non-Hispanic white | Non-Hispanic black |
| 45-49 years................. | 927 | 799 | 43 | 3 | 82 | 33 | 758 | 43 |
| Percent very low birthweight | 3.1 | 2.6 | * | * | * | 2.6 | * | * |
| Percent low birthweight | 15.8 | 14.9 | * | * | * | 14.9 | * | * |
| 45-49 years................. | 927 | 799 | 43 | 3 | 82 | 33 | 758 | 43 |
| Percent very low birthweight | 3.1 | 2.6 | * | * | * | 2.6 | * | * |
| Percent low birthweight | 15.8 | 14.9 | * | * | * | 14.9 | * | * |

Not stated

All ages......................... | 57,153 | 39,601 | 12,922 | 815 | 3,815 | 11,770 | 23,155 | 11,277 |
| Median weight in grams | 3,290 | 3,340 | 3,120 | 3,340 | 3,240 | 3,300 | 3,370 | 3,100 |
| Percent very low birthweight | 3.3 | 2.4 | * | * | * | 2.4 | * | * |
| Percent low birthweight | 10.7 | 8.6 | 18.0 | 9.7 | 8.1 | 8.5 | 8.4 | 18.6 |

Under 15 years................. | 900 | 479 | 378 | 16 | 24,210 | 3,815 | 11,770 | 23,155 | 11,277 |
| Median weight in grams | 3,290 | 3,100 | 2,950 | * | 2,950 | 3,180 | 3,020 | 2,960 |
| Percent very low birthweight | 6.6 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Percent low birthweight | 16.7 | 15.8 | 18.1 | * | * | * | * | * |

15 years......................... | 1,137 | 677 | 424 | 20 | 16 | 324 | 306 | 368 |
| Median weight in grams | 3,190 | 3,210 | 3,080 | 3,190 | 3,350 | 3,210 | 3,260 | 3,100 |
| Percent very low birthweight | 4.4 | 3.1 | 6.6 | * | * | * | * | * |
| Percent low birthweight | 13.8 | 11.6 | 17.5 | * | * | 12.3 | 10.9 | 18.5 |

16 years......................... | 1,640 | 1,060 | 505 | 36 | 39 | 461 | 525 | 457 |
| Median weight in grams | 3,190 | 3,220 | 3,110 | 3,350 | 3,130 | 3,210 | 3,260 | 3,100 |
| Percent very low birthweight | 3.4 | 2.7 | 5.4 | * | * | * | * | * |
| Percent low birthweight | 13.7 | 11.6 | 18.5 | * | * | 10.0 | 12.8 | 19.5 |

17 years......................... | 1,945 | 1,253 | 593 | 49 | 50 | 518 | 622 | 521 |
| Percent very low birthweight | 3.1 | 2.2 | 5.1 | * | * | * | 3.2 | 5.3 |
| Percent low birthweight | 10.6 | 9.0 | 14.4 | * | * | 7.0 | 10.8 | 15.0 |
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* Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision; based on fewer than 20 births in the numerator.
(1) Data not shown for non-Hispanic births of other races and births with origin not stated.
(2) Includes Aleuts and Eskimos.